

ready. And in the district, I have baptized and received by relation ten, making altogether 16. That is more than is reported in some of our stronger churches. As you know, I have visited only those churches that have not pastors, and that only to see if they could not be supplied, and have made but little attempt to hold revivals, else more accession might be reported. I have not aimed to visit the larger churches the past year, but I think it should be done, at least once a year by the Evangelist, and the work of the district laid before them. And then it would very much encourage the Evangelist to associate more with the stronger congregations, and list their sympathy for the weaker points. I think this should be done. I think better, and more effectual work will be done the coming year; for much of my work in the district has been along the line of house cleaning so to speak, i. e. setting right matters that have in some cases been a hindrance to work in a few localities for several years. Much of this will not need be next year.

J. O. TALLEY, Evangelist.

Brothers C. K. Strong, of Montour, Iowa, and Eli Hoover, of Waterloo, were nominated as member and secretary of Mission Board. On ballot brother Eli Hoover was re-elected.

On ballot J. O. Talley received a majority of votes cast for District Evangelist. On motion the election was made unanimous.

Noah Flora spoke on "The Mission Work of the District, How it shall be done." Discussed by Eli Hoover.

Miscellaneous business was taken up. On motion the Conference for next year was located at the Sugar Creek church near Montour, Iowa.

On motion of J. O. Talley the District Conference is hereafter to be a delegated body and that the ministers shall be considered delegates by virtue of their office, but that each shall bear credentials from their respective congregations, and that the ratio of representation be 1 delegate to each 25 members or fraction thereof.

On motion the officers of the Conference were declared the program committee, moved and carried that a collection for the incidental expenses of the Conference be taken up. Collection amount to \$3.01.

Cause of Ashland College was presented and \$400 of pledges taken for the endowment fund. Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, In the providence of God we are again permitted to meet in District Conference,

Be it resolved, by this conference that we hereby return our heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father for his rich blessings to us in the past year, both temporal and spiritual. That we deplore the fact that the year of prosperity has not found us, as a people, as liberal and generous in the matter of giving back to God what he has given us as we should have been. That prosperity instead

of making us generous has seemed to make us stingy with God's cause.

Resolved, therefore that we all return to our respective fields of labor determined by God's grace to do better the coming year and to be more diligent in teaching and living this great fundamental doctrine of sacrifice and giving.

Resolved, that we hereby return thanks to the Brethren and friends at this place who have so kindly and bountifully cared for us during this conference.

Resolved, that we hereby urge the congregations of Brethren in this district to next year each send as large a delegation as possible to our District Conference, wherever it may be held.

J. O. TALLEY,
C. ROWLAND,
J. L. GILLIN.

Report was adopted.

A paper on "Our Mission Work Among Children" by Sadie Gibbons was read by J. O. Talley.

Eli Hoover spoke briefly on the subject, "Discipline According to the Gospel." J. O. Talley, J. G. Gillin and Noah Flora participated in the discussion.

Benediction by J. O. Talley.

R. R. TEETER, President.

J. L. GILLIN, Secretary.

REMARKS

This Conference was held at a place where no previous conference had ever met. It is the southern part of our district. Many of our ministers had never been seen by these people. We found them a very hospitable class of people. They erected a tent on the church lot and fed us for dinner in that. We were taken care of in their homes for other meals and slept upon their good feather beds. In many ways it was a conference that will be long remembered in southern Iowa and we trust will serve to bind these churches closer to the other churches of the District.

J. L. GILLIN.

A New Church in Bloomfield, Pittsburg, Pa.

A handsome new church edifice is promised for the Garfield and Bloomfield districts by next spring, if present working plans continue to develop as auspiciously through the winter as at present. The congregation that proposes to build the new sanctuary is that known as the First Brethren Church of Pittsburg, the only denomination of that peculiar belief in the two cities. The church was organized nine years ago and worshiped in a hall on Main St. Later ground was purchased in Garfield and a little building erected on the rear of the property. It is the intention now of the growing and enthusiastic congregation to erect the building which has been in contemplation ever since the present site was chosen.

The new building will not be an extravagant one and the limit of cost will likely be placed at \$6,000. The structure will be of brick and the design simple and commodious. The present building will be retained for Sunday school purposes and the various enterprises of the church. At present all de-

partments of the church are bending their energies toward the building fund and definite plans in the way of raising outside subscriptions have now been defined by the board of trustees. This afternoon the ladies' sewing circle of the church will hold a sewing bee to help boom the fund along. Tonight a social will be held, while several entertainments in the way of suppers and bazars are under consideration toward the same purpose. The second week in November revival services are to begin to continue for two or three weeks, according to the interest displayed. An increased membership is expected thru this means. The present membership numbers about 150.

Communion service will be held in December. This service means much to the Brethren faith. It occurs but three times a year. Outsiders are privileged to witness the service, which is conducted with a great degree of solemnity. After special preparation the members assemble at the church. A supper has been made ready consisting of cold sliced lamb, butter and buns, with water as drink. Each member has a place at the table. With open Bible each takes his place. The table is softly illuminated by lamps. The meal is eaten in silence, only broken now and then by the pastor reading some scriptural selection, or some member quoting from holy writ. After the meal, which is known as the love feast, the members humble themselves to the extent of bathing the feet of one another. During this ceremony, scriptural passages are read by the pastor and others. Finally the communion is administered, a praise is conducted, the lights are put out and the members depart. These services are invested with a degree of solemnity which tends to hold in check any unbeliever who may be present as sightseer. The tenets are a combination of the Baptist, the Dunkard and the Church of God beliefs. From one the rite of emmerson of converts is taken, from another the supper and the other the humbling feature of bathing the feet.

This one strange isolated denomination owes its existence to the efforts of D. J. Bole, a superintendent of one of the departments of the Black Diamond Steel Works, Lawrenceville. Altho still identified with mill affairs and an indefatigable worker in an industrial sense, yet Mr. Bole has the unique distinction of the regular title of "Reverend" before his name. This title was conferred upon him in open and regular session by high officials of the Brethren church in recognition of his efforts in establishing a branch in this city. He was formally ordained as pastor of the First Brethren church of Pittsburg, and for two years was the pastor in charge for Sabbath day services. His right to the title has never been questioned by clergymen of neighboring denominations, and frequently Mr. Bole is called upon as supply for some clergyman of other faith. During the absence of the pastor of the Friendship Park Methodist church, Bloomfield, at the conference just held in Johnstown, Rev. Mr. Bole was